GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL MIGRANTS
Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of illegal migrants are staying in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether any authority has been constituted by the Government to identify and deport those illegal migrants;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): About 46,818 foreigners are reported to be illegally staying in India as on 31.12.2002. The highest number of foreigners staying illegally is in Assam (26,490) followed by West Bengal (11,122) and Rajasthan (2,405).

(c) to (e): Section 3(2)(c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 empowers the Government of India to detect and deport foreign nationals staying in India unauthorisedly. This power has been delegated under Section 12 of the aforesaid Act to the State Governments/Union Territories for the purpose of execution.